

MEMORANDUM



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Subject: MIDDLETON - Adhesive Manufacturer, School Street  
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February 4, 1997 Meeting

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On February 4, 1997, a meeting was held at DEP's Northeast Regional Office (NERO) between the writer and Patricia Auterio of the former American Glue & Resin, Inc. (American Glue), to discuss the above-referenced site. This meeting was held at the request of Ms. Auterio, who wanted to find out the current status of the site.

Ms. Auterio began by asking the writer for clarification regarding two recent letters she received from DEP's Boston office. The first letter was a Publication of Tier I Disposal Site for Failure to Take Action letter and the second was a retraction letter indicating that the Failure to Take Action letter was sent in error. The writer informed Ms. Auterio that there were a number of sites that were sent the Failure to Take Action letter in error and that she should disregard the first letter.

Ms. Auterio asked the writer about the outcome of the recent October 1996 groundwater sampling round that DEP conducted at the above-referenced site. The writer informed Ms. Auterio that DEP had collected groundwater samples from monitoring wells in three areas of the site and the results showed that there are still contamination in the groundwater in both the overburden and the bedrock. The writer explained to Ms. Auterio the three different groundwater cleanup categories and how they are applied to the groundwater conditions in this area and the cleanup of the site.

Ms. Auterio also asked the writer what steps should be taken to resolve the problems at this site. The writer indicated that there are a few steps that can be taken to reduce the risks at this site, one of which is removing the two abandoned underground storage tanks (USTs). The writer informed Ms. Auterio that the abandoned USTs are in violation of the state's Department of Public Safety regulations and removing them would eliminate a threat of release from these tanks. The writer also indicated that removing the drums on site and evaluating areas previously identified as having significant contamination can be steps taken toward cleanup of the site. Ms. Auterio expressed an interest in having these tasks done but she was not sure how to do them.

At the close of the meeting, the writer informed Ms. Auterio that she will be meeting with the BWSC senior staff in NERO to discuss this site next Friday, February 14, 1997. The meeting will be to determine what response actions should be performed at the site and how they will be accomplished. The writer will contact Ms. Auterio after the February 14th meeting to provide her with an update of decisions made.